

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the title “DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR TOPICAL SKIN CARE AGENTS” and before the section title “BACKGROUND”, please add the following section:

--                   CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation, and claims the benefit of, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/779,063, filed February 8, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,719,740), which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/182,403, filed February 14, 2000.--